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# Reese of Dodgers Seen as Greatest Baseball Player Ever by Scout McGrew

## Win, Lose or Draw

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### Saga of Stuart's Sailfish

STUART, Fla., Feb. 13.—This is a little town of 2,200 citizens, a settlement facing the blue waters of the Atlantic and one of those villages on the No. 1 highway through which fast cars speed toward Miami as if some one had opened a faucet and turned loose a fierce stream of steel, rubber and gas fumes.

Few who race into this little town, find themselves out of it before getting a chance to slow down, are aware that not far off-shore lies one of the great sport fishing grounds in the United States. Here is a Florida boom town in miniature, owning a new and sudden prosperity to a species of fish formally named *Istiophorus Americanus* and commonly called a sailfish, not because it sails through the air like a flying fish, but because it knifes through the waters of the Gulf Stream with a huge dorsal fin and because once hooked, it fights in and above the water with a bitterness and stamina few other game fish possess.

This is not the only spot wherein the acrobatic sail may be caught. Miami boasts of its sailfishing as does Palm Beach, but here the natives claim is the Gulf Stream turntable for sailfish and while for some years they have been able to prove that more of the acrobats are caught per boat it remained for an astonishing eight-day streak recently to call sharp attention to this righteously puffed-up village on the St. Lucie Inlet.

### Two Men Meeting in a Firehouse

Two men sat together on the night of December 29, 1940, one holding the telephone and the other a pencil under the hot white glare of an electric light. The scene was the local fire house. Roscoe (Buss) Bell, the town fire chief, was at the phone. Ernest Lyons, a gifted writer and an official of the Stuart Daily News, held the pencil.

This pair—Bell a Michigander by birth and Lyons a Mississippian—checked 10 boats and reported 110 sailfish boated. A little dazed by this average, they went home happily and met again the following night and this time the local boats had captured 90 of the so-called ballerinas of the blue chop. Again they met, filling their voluntary posts and again the count was 90 fish.

Mr. Lyons' reportorial instincts surged to the surface and he began to bat out a few lines for the press services, but these were buried in the newspapers as the public prints persisted in running autopsies of the Rose, Sugar, Orange and Cotton Bowl football games. Then meeting again Messrs. Lyons and Bell ran into something they couldn't believe themselves.

They had met the incoming boats and counted the fish and the flags—white flags for fish that were kept and red banners for fish boated, measured and released in the interests of conservation. Bewildered, they went back to the firehouse, Bell taking the telephone again and Lyons scribbling on his scoresheet.

### In Eight Days They Boated 1,000 Warriors

The radio was employed to talk with boats returning to Palm Beach from whence they came after hearing of the sailfish run. The count ran over the 100 mark and then Lyons tolled off more than 200. Finally, when he had checked authentically, more than 300 he threw down his pencil.

"But," said Lyons, "nobody is going to believe this count. Let's cut it short."

They knocked off 60 or 70 and announced the day's catch as 256, a figure fantastic in itself.

"Here is the real count," Lyons was saying today. "In eight days our boats and nearby boats fishing off St. Lucie Inlet picked up 1,000 sailfish. We haven't been bragging about it much—that is, we haven't quoted figures—because we don't think the average angler would believe it."

But the saga of Stuart has been spread and now the village is a boom town, fairly reeking with anglers. It has become a point on the Florida map, among sporting people. Whereas the local fishing fleet consisted of only two first-class boats five or six years ago, now it is composed of 25, and customers are standing in line.

### Bluefish Run Off Manteo Was Similar

Something of the sort happened a few years ago, 1935 to be specific, when a spectacular run of bluefish was reported off Oregon Inlet, N. C. Fabulous catches were made off Manteo and later off Wachapreague and in Chesapeake Bay. And then something happened. The blues vanished and have not been seen since in any large number.

Stuart, literally built upon sailfish catches, is not in a mood to accept a similar disappearance of its sail-dancing warriors. With Lyons and Bell in the roles of ringleaders, a conservation program is under way. John Q. Public is being told that he is a greater sportsman by bringing his fish to the boat and permitting it to be released. Nearly all of the captains are converted and now a majority ask the perspiring angler, with a bib sail dancing in front of him, if he would like to release the fish after it is measured. A fat percentage of the fishermen acquiesce.

Whether sailfish off Stuart will last is not known. "We never saw so many as this year," Lyons said. "I went out when the big run was on and they were on all sides of the boats, some of them swimming under them. There were thousands of sailfish, rounding up minnows and frightening them until the minnows congregated and formed living balls of food for to big fish. These balls of minnows would get so close to the boats, with the sails behind them, that we practically still-fished for sailfish."

Mr. Lyons doesn't elaborate much on this phase of the phenomena, either. Instead, he half apologizes, "People won't believe," he concluded, wistfully, "You have to see a thing like that to believe it and even then it comes hard."

## New Boxing Trophy at Stake In Eastern Collegiates

By the Associated Press.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Feb. 13.—The Eastern Intercollegiate Boxing Association, offering a new trophy in competition this year, expects a heavy entry list for its annual championship tournament at Syracuse University March 7-8.

The association, which recently admitted Virginia and the United States Coast Guard Academy, is restricting the 1941 tourney to members who also include West Point, Cornell, Penn State and Western Maryland. Entry blanks were mailed yesterday.

Penn State, defending champion, gained permanent possession last year of the Baltimore Sun trophy. The new award will be the Edward J. Neil trophy, in memory of the Associated Press correspondent who

was killed in Spain while covering the civil war.

It will be a rotating prize, remaining each year with the league champion, with a smaller replica for permanent possession.

### Bridgewater Accepts Mason-Dixon Berth

By the Associated Press.

HARRISONBURG, Va., Feb. 13.—Bridgewater College has accepted membership in the Mason-Dixon Conference and probably will participate in the Mason-Dixon events at the annual Catholic University games in Washington on March 10 and at the conference meet in Baltimore May 17.

## Cochrane Says Di Mag Rates \$45,000 Salary

Tailer, Millionaire Golfer, Is Private in Quartermaster's Corps

By EDDIE BRIETZ,  
Associated Sports Writer.

NEW YORK, Feb. 13.—Add old Notre Dammers who don't want Elmer Layden's job — Jimmy Phelan of Washington.

Yanks haven't heard a word from Joe Di Maggio and probably won't so long as Mickey Cochrane goes around the coast telling the papers Joe is worth 45 grand. Jack Dempsey calls nightly from Miami to inquire about his estranged wife who is seriously ill.

Not more than a dozen or so of private Tommy Tailor's buddies in the Quartermaster's Corps at Fort Dix, N. J., have tumbled to the fact that he not only is a top golfer, but a millionaire to boot.

Larry McPhail had an Irish terrier in the Garden dog show.

Today's guest star — Walter Stewart, Memphis Commercial-Appeal: "Steve Casey, another of those wrestling champions, has also volunteered for Army

service . . . and here we were thinking the war was strictly on the level."

Near and far—Eddie Brannick of the Giants and Bobby Feller sat at adjoint tables at Leone's the other night and if they recognized each other, neither nodded. Jimmy Braddock is schooling a young heavy, Fred Fitzgerald, 21-year-old Hoboken dock worker who'll be unveiled as a pro in a few months. Notre Dame and New York U. quints will play to the seventh full house in the Garden tomorrow night.

1941 Gas House—The University of Georgia's cagers seem to be the Gas House Gang of the Southeastern Conference. One Bulldog tangled with a Florida player. Another went at it with a Tennessee passer. Two others charged the referee after the Auburn game. Serious trouble was averted when husky Auburn graders flanked the Bulldogs and marched them from the court. Sports cocktail—Maybe one

## Youngster Held Likely to Excel Cobb, Wagner

Speed, Arm, Eye Make Little Star Marvel To Brooklyn Critic

By GAYLE TALBOT,  
Associated Press Sports Writer.

MIAMI, Feb. 13.—Scout Ted McGrew of the Brooklyn Dodgers, while hacking his way out of an alligator nest with a sand wedge, declared:

"If nothing happens to Pee Wee Reese he is going to be the greatest all-around ballplayer I ever saw, and I don't except Ty Cobb or Hank Wagner or anybody else."

"Dad blurted it," he continued, as his ball erupted and disappeared deeper into the swamp, "dad blast it, this kid has everything. He's fast as Cobb ever was and he has a better arm, and give him a ball up around his shoulders and he'll knock it out of sight. Furthermore, he's one of the nicest kids who ever came into baseball."

Reese is the fragile-looking little shortstop who played sparkling ball for the Dodgers until he smashed an ankle last season. He says the ankle is all right again, but he's still wearing a leather brace. That's probably what McGrew meant when he said "if nothing happens to him."

**Dodgers Look to Havana.** The Dodgers are bunched up here preparatory to leaving tomorrow night for Havana to open their training camp. Bill Terry is out at Coral Gables awaiting the vanguard of his New York Giants. Unless there is a quick break in the weather they will do some of their preliminary training indoors.

There has been a slight hitch in the introduction of Gargantua, the circus gorilla over at Sarasota, to his child bride from Havana. The publicity-wise sponsors of the nuptials are waiting until all the writers and photographers arrive with the baseball clubs, when there will be a regular society wedding.

Unless Walter Lee Taylor, runner-up for jockey honors last year, settles his argument with his agent soon he will not be a contender this year. He's been at Hialeah a couple of weeks but refuses to take a mount.

**Kovacs Evened Match.** They're still laughing here at the way Frank Kovacs, the eccentric tennis star, deliberately broke training the night before his final match with Bobby Riggs in the University of Miami invitational tournament "just to even things up for Bobby." It took him the full five sets to trim Riggs the next day.

Del Baker, manager of the Detroit Tigers, is happy that his team will not report to its Lakeland training ground until a fortnight later. Most other clubs have started and then will play only a couple of exhibition games on the way North. "This way we'll be in prime shape on opening day instead of being worn out from sitting around hotels for four or five days at home watching it snow," he explained.

## Escapade Is Leader Throughout 184-Mile Miami-Nassau Race

By the Associated Press.

ABOARD COAST GUARD CUTTER MOJAVE, Feb. 13.—Henry Fowles' big yawl Escapade, which led from the start, sailed first across the finish line of the Miami-Nassau yacht race shortly before last midnight, pacing seven other craft.

Declaration of the winner of the 184-mile contest awaited compilation of handicap times for all entrants.

The 72-foot scratch yacht Escapade sailed over the finish line at 11:25:08 p.m. with a corrected time of 35 hours 25 minutes and 48 seconds, and next across was Robert Johnson's Good News at 12:10:58 a.m. with a corrected time of 35 hours 32 minutes and 49 seconds.

Last year Harry E. Noyes' Toga made the run in the record time of 19 hours 36 minutes 30 seconds. This year the entrants bucked rain squalls and head winds in a choppy sea more than two-thirds of the route.

reason Buck Shaw of Santa Clara asked to be withdrawn from consideration for the Notre Dame job, is that Mrs. Buck said: "I'd rather live in a tent in California than in a castle in Indiana. Al (Bummy) Davis has taken on 30 pounds since he fought Fritz Zivic 12 weeks ago. (What the Army will do for that watermelon!) Looks if they're going to have to call out the fire department to stop the Loyola (New Orleans) basketball team. How about a Garden bid, Mr. Irish; also one for the University of Arkansas Razorbacks.

Gosh all hemlock!—Out in Seattle, the Franklin High School quints has printers and radio announcers dizzy with a starting line-up that consists of Opach, Raykovich, Durancieu, Hjelmaa and Saalwaechter. It's another guy—Billy Conn has just been matched with Danny Hasset. This gent is not to be confused with Outfielder-First Baseman Buddy Hasset. Danny is noted as a catcher.

## IT DOESN'T RING TRUE

THIS DEPARTMENT WOULD LIKE TO REVIEW A FEW OF THE PECULIARITIES OF COLLEGE BOXING... THEN OFFER A SOLUTION WHICH WE GUARANTEE WILL ELIMINATE THAT LAST SHRED OF DANGER WHICH STILL EXISTS IN THE GAME!



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...AND AS A MATTER OF FACT ANY DISPLAY OF "KILLER INSTINCT" IS TABOO... NOTHING MORE THAN POWDER-PUFF PUNCHING IS PERMITTED...

...THEN... THERE IS THAT GOOFY RULE WHICH CALLS A BOUT "NO CONTEST" IF BLOOD IS SPILLED IN THE FIRST ROUND...



IF I EVER GET THESE THINGS OFF MY FLOOR I'LL MOVER THAT BUTCH FROM TATTLETALE TEACHERS!

STAY IN THERE YUH 'IM THUBIE KID! YUH AIN'T GOT HARDLY A MARK ON YUH... WE'LL GIT A BAD CONNECSHUN IN A MINAIT... THEN YUH KIN DIAL KO-789 IO!



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## Canadian Star Grabs N. A. Figure Skating by .8 of Point

Daring Free Style Test McCreath Passes Tops Turner, U. S. Ace

By the Associated Press.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 13.—A 21-year-old Canadian lance corporal, who expects to sail this summer with his artillery regiment for duty in the battle of Britain, rules today as North American figure skating king.

In one of the most dramatic finishes in the history of the competition, Ralph McCreath cut down the commanding lead of the United States titleholder, Eugene Turner, also of Canada, who turned professional.

Mary Rose Thacker, 18-year-old Winnipeg skater, annexed the women's singles title for the second successive year.

### Littler Okayed to Run

By the Associated Press.

LINCOLN, Neb., Feb. 13.—Eugene (Red) Littler, star sprinter at Nebraska, will compete for the Huskers this spring.

Littler competed in the Sugar Bowl Carnival at New Orleans without the required conference approval, but petitioned for reinstatement and it was granted.

## 20 Years Ago In The Star

Seven of the 16 major league baseball clubs—Washington, Detroit, Boston and St. Louis in the American League, and Philadelphia, Boston and Chicago in the National League—swung into action this year with new managers.

C. C. Fawcett continued his hot pace in the Washington Gun Club shoots, shattering 97 of 100 targets to win from 21 rivals. Ed "Strangler" Lewis used a headlock and armlock to defeat Frantz Zolar, French-Canadian grappler, in two falls of their match in Richmond, Va.

## Hoyas Begin Hockey Drill, Ex-Harvard Star Directing

Georgetown University's ambitious ice hockey team, which opens its seven-game schedule Saturday night at Uline Arena against Temple, was to get its final practice pokes today, with Coach Jim Roberts giving the Hoyas a quick polish job.

Roberts, former Harvard hockey star, has six members of the band of 12 who organized the District's first collegiate team here three years ago as a nucleus in the persons of Goalie Art Feenan, Defensemen Frank Deegan and Vin Powers and Wingmen Johnny Smith, Bill Edelen and Bill Deegan.

Among more promising newcomers are George Perplch, Hugh O'Neill, Carlos Routh, Bob Pender and Lou Ghecas.

### Pro Basket Standings

CHICAGO, Feb. 13 (AP).—National Professional Basketball League standings:

	W.	L.	Pct.
Oshkosh Sheboygan	12	9	.571
Detroit	10	8	.556
Goodrears (Akron)	8	11	.420
Chicago	8	10	.444
Preston (Akron)	6	11	.353
Hammond	6	13	.317

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## Bruins Must Hurdle Rangers To Beat Foes' Hockey Mark

By the Associated Press.

For drama on ice tonight's National League hockey skirmish between the Boston Bruins and the New York Rangers at Madison Square Garden should be as big a hit as "Uncle Tom's Cabin" or "Abie's Irish Rose."

The league-leading Bruins have gone 19 matches without a defeat to tie the circuit's record and need a victory or a tie to pocket a new mark all their own.

However, the present record of 19 was set last year by the Rangers when they were just as hot as the

Bruins are now, and the Blueshirts are ready to make a defiant stand to protect their mark.

Boston's streak started December 22 with a 5-3 decision over Detroit. In going unbeaten since then the Bruins have reached first place in the league and now have a 1-point advantage over Toronto.

### Virginia State Visits

Recreation Collegians play Virginia State at basket ball at 8 o'clock tonight at the Banneker gym.

## Share of 3-Rail Title Hoppe's Aim Tonight

Tourney Tie Assured Crown Defender If He Beats Bozeman

By the Associated Press.

CHICAGO, Feb. 13.—Willie Hoppe steps out to clinch a share of a second consecutive world title tonight in the three-cushion billiard match tonight. And those who saw him uncock another of his customary rallies last night to overcome Allen Hall, believe that he will retain his crown.

His opponent will be Jay Bozeman, the young Vallejo (Calif.) star who saw his own championship chances jolted last night when he lost to Jake Schaefer, runner-up to Hoppe last year.

It was Welker Cochran who convinced the cue public Tuesday night that Hoppe could be beaten. However, Hoppe demonstrated last night that being subjected to two defeats in a row was something else again.

He came from behind a 12-point disadvantage just as he did against Joe Chmura in an earlier match and won, 50 to 48 in 56 innings. A streak of remarkable shooting had carried Hall to a 44-to-32 lead in 35 frames, but thereafter his game faded. It was Hoppe's 14th triumph in 15 matches.

Schaefer gained undisputed possession of second place and remained in the thick of the title fight by disposing of Jay Bozeman of Vallejo, Calif., in 59 innings, 50 to 40.

Both had entered the match with a record of 12 victories and 2 defeats.

Hoppe and Schaefer wind up against each other tomorrow night, yesterday's other matches. Cochran followed up his conquest of Hoppe with a new tournament high run of 13 in defeating Art Rubin of New York, 50 to 28 in 30 innings, while Otto Reisel of Philadelphia turned back Art Thurnblad of Kenosha, Wis., 50 to 37 in 49 innings.

## Fox to Captain Grads In Court Tilt With Wilson Teachers

Phil Fox will captain a formidable quint of Wilson Teachers alumni tonight against Coach "Doc" White, regulars on the Harvard street school's floor, the game starting at 8 o'clock.

Other members of the alumni team are Harry English, Norman Gill, Francis Flattery, Bernard Gilliam, "Flash" Gordon, Donald Gail, Cliff Lunson, Roger Irvin and Warren Sarral.

Fox, now coach of Eastern High's strong quint, was an outstanding forward on the Owl quint of 1936. Coach White will unleash all of his big guns in the opening line-up. Last year's high scorer, Hal Hishin, and Charley Clark and Ralph Battaglini, who have figured prominently in most of Wilson's 10 victories this season, will start.

Toby Taylor of the District of Columbia Board of Approved Referees will officiate. Following the tilt an informal dance will be held.

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